



United States European Command

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES E. CROOM

Director, Command, Control and Communications Systems Directorate

Brigadier General Charles E. Croom is Director of Command, Control and Communications Systems, Headquarters, United States European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany. He provides policy, plans and programs for C4 systems in the European theater. The director works closely with component commands, the Defense Information Systems Agency, and the Joint Staff to ensure operational readiness of all space and terrestrial elements of the Defense Information Infrastructure.

Brigadier General Croom entered the Air Force in 1973, a distinguished graduate and commandant of cadets of the Rutgers University Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He has served across a broad spectrum and level of assignments: Detachment, Wing, Major Command, Numbered Air Force, Air Staff, Defense Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense and Unified Command. He has commanded four times to include a remote mountaintop detachment in Sardinia, Italy to Support Group Commander, McGuire AFB, New Jersey.



The brigadier general and his wife, Deborah are from Somerville, New Jersey and Ocala, Florida, respectively.

EDUCATION:

1973 Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, Rutgers University, New Jersey.

1973 Bachelor of arts degree in economics, Rutgers University, New Jersey.

1977 Masters degree in management and business administration, Webster College, St. Louis, Missouri.

1978 Squadron Officer School, distinguished graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

1985 Air Command and Staff College, distinguished graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

1989 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC

1996 Executive Development Program, Cornell University, New York

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1973 - June 1974, student, Communications-Electronics School, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.
2. June 1974 - September 1977, technical evaluation team chief, Headquarters Air Force Communications Command, Richards-Gerbaud Air Force Base, Missouri.
3. September 1977 - December 1979, electrical engineer, Headquarters Air Force Communications Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.
4. December 1979 - October 1980, Air Staff Training (ASTRA) Officer, Headquarters Air Force Inspection and Safety Center, Norton Air Force Base, California

5. October 1980 - June 1983, communications systems engineer, later executive officer, Defense Communications Agency, Washington, DC
6. June 1983 - June 1984, commander, Detachment 25, 2187th Communications Group, Monte Limbara, Sardinia, Italy
7. June 1984 - June 1985, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
8. June 1985 - July 1988, Chief, Plans and Policy Branch, Systems for C4S, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, and temporary duty to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for C3I, Washington, DC
9. July 1988 - June 1989, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
10. June 1989 - July 1992, Chief, Communications Drawdown Branch, and Commander, Data Services Center, Headquarters, U.S. European Command, J6, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany
11. July 1992 - July 1993, Commander, 438th Communications Group, and Director, C4S, Headquarters, 21st Air Force, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey
12. July 1993 - August 1994, Commander, 438th Support Group, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey
13. August 1994 - July 1996, Director of Communications, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
14. July 1996 - March 1997, Director of Mission Systems, Deputy Chief of Staff/ Communications & Information, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, DC
15. March 1997 - Present, Director of Command, Control and Communications Systems, Headquarters, U.S. European Command, J6, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Nov 25, 1973
First Lieutenant	Nov 25, 1975
Captain	Nov 25, 1977
Major	Aug 1, 1984
Lieutenant Colonel	Jul 1, 1988
Colonel	Jan 1, 1992
Brigadier General	Jan 28, 1998

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